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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 13 as follows:

B<sup>1</sup> The present invention is therefore based on the object of creating an improved method for determining a connecting path in a communication network as well as ~~a-eh~~ switching equipment for a communications network, whereby the time required for setting up a requested connection can be shortened.